WASHINGTON, D.C. – On Friday, September 17th, to mark Constitution Day, Congressman Kevin McCarthy's district offices in Bakersfield and Atascadero will distribute\* pocket constitutions to the public.

"Reading our country's Constitution is an important exercise all Americans should continue to do," said Congressman McCarthy. "We must be aware of the freedoms and rights that are granted to us by our Constitution to keep our representative form of government in check and the vital civic health of our country strong."

Congressman McCarthy's District Office Hours:

Bakersfield: 8:30am - 5:00pm 4100 Empire Drive Suite 150 Bakersfield, CA 93309 (661) 327-3611

Atascadero: 1:00pm – 4:30pm

5805 Capistrano Avenue Suite C Atascadero, CA 93422

(805) 461-1034

\*Supplies are limited, two Constitution limit per family and twenty Constitutions per non-profit organization/school.

## Background:

- 223 years ago on September 17, 1787, 39 delegates from 12 states at the Constitutional Convention signed the United States Constitution in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. After being ratified by the 13 original states, the Constitution became our country's legal foundation on June 21, 1788.
- In 1956, Congress established Constitution week and then in 2004 designated every September 17th as Constitution Day to give our founding document the recognition and respect that it deserves

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